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FROM MCKEE FOR HOLLY (NEA/RA)

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SUBJ: A MESSAGE FROM GARZA

1. UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OBJECTION (IN WHICH CASE KARACHI WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED), PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING VERBATIM MESSAGE FROM ASIAN-AMERICAN FREE LABOR INSTITUTE (AAFLI) REPRESENTATIVE EMILIO GARZA TO AAFLI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MORRIS PALADINO AT 815 16TH STREET, NW: QUOTE: AT MOHAMMAD SHARIF'S SUGGESTION I CALLED ON MR. MAHMOOD AKHTAR, CENTRAL LABOR ADVISOR GOP IN ISLAMABAD. MEETING REVEALED HAD GREAT KNOWLEDGE OF AAFLI ACTIVITIES IN PAKISTAN AND SLIGHT CRITICISM: THAT ONE SHOT COURSES, SPACED MONTHS APART WERE NOT SUFFICIENT GIVEN THE NEED FOR WORKER EDUCATION IN PAKISTAN. HE ALSO CLAIMED THAT THESE COURSES NECESSARILY LACKED DEPTH AND FOLLOW UP. I REPLIED THAT WHILE I AGREED, TO ACHIEVE DEPTH AND FOLLOW UP WAS NOT EASY SINCE I WAS THE ONLY MAN IN THE AREA ETC. ETC.. I THEN SAID TO DO THIS WE WOULD HAVE TO STATION A MAN HERE PERMANENTLY. HE SAID WE SHOULD AND WENT ON TO SAY WE SHOULD ALSO EXPAND TO WORK WITH MORE FEDERATIONS, HE PROVIDED A LIST AND COMMENTS ON EACH. HE THEN SPOKE AT LENGTH ON SETTING UP AN AAFLI OFFICE AND COOPERATING WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

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"HE THEN TOOK ME TO MR. MOINUDDIN KHAN'S OFFICE, THE

JOINT SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY WITH WHOM I HAD SET UP AN APPOINTMENT AS A COURTESY CALL. TO KHAN, AKTAR MENTIONED THAT HE HAD SUGGESTED AAFLI OPEN AN OFFICE HERE AND REQUESTED KHAN'S REACTION. KHAN WAS MOST FAVORABLY DISPOSED BUT SEEMED TO THINK AAFLI WOULD WORK FOR AND THROUGH THE MINISTRY. I MENTIONED OUR VOLUNTARY, PRIVATE AGENCY STATUS WITHOUT RULING OUT COOPERATION WITH THE GOP. BOTH CLAIMED THEY UNDERSTOOD. I ALSO SPOKE ON HELPING EACH FEDERATION SET UP ITS OWN TRADE UNION EDUCATION PROGRAM AS BEING A PROPER ROLE FOR ALLFLI. AGAIN BOTH CLAIMED THEY UNDERSTOOD AND SEEMED TO AGREE. NO COMMITMENT OF ANY SORT WAS MADE, I MERELY SAID THEIR GOOD IDEA WOULD BE SENT TO WASHINGTON.

"AS BACKGROUND: THE GOP IS SETTING UP WORKER EDUCATION CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. DIFFICULTIES SEEM TO ARISE SINCE KHAN, WHO DEALS WITH INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES, WANTS ILO HELP WITHOUT UNDP FINANCIAL INVOLVEMENT. KHAN CLAIMS UNDP DOES NOT AND DOES NOT WANT TO HELP WORKERS. IDEA OF WORKERS EDUCATION CENTERS IS SHARED BY AT LEAST ONE PROVINCE: PUNJAB IS SCHEDULED TO HAVE FOUR IN OPERATION BY MID-76. ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT STATE THEY DO THIS RELUCTANTLY SINCE TRADE UNION EDUCATION OUGHT TO BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF TRADE UNIONS.

"BOTH MEETINGS CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY. UNQUOTE

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